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**Deed sets Plymouth Township on track for new water tower**

Supervisor Richard Reaume rejoiced to receive the Deed for land on which to build a new water tower. Sen. Patterson introduced legislation to make this possible. The new tower will increase water pressure in the western part of the township, and will allow purchase of water at “off-peak” times at cheaper rates, to hold consumer prices down.



Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Marilyn Massengill, and Senator Patterson display the Deed at the Township offices.

Sen. Patterson was on hand to formally present the Deed to 1.18 acres of ground, once part of the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, to the Township Supervisor. The ground is the highest point in the Township, ideal for the purpose.

Construction will begin this summer, with completion expected later next year, said Ann DeGhetto, Supervisor Reaume’s Administrative Aide.

### **Congratulations!**

Northville Public Schools have been selected as a Michigan Association of School Boards 2006 Education Excellence Award winner for improving student achievement.

### **Grants Directory published**

There is a new directory of state administered grants. Those who need it, or are interested to see what is available, may find it on line at

<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/PDFs/grants05-06.pdf> where it can be printed.

It runs 84 pages in length.

### **STOP, Thief! Patterson authors bill vs. leaks of cell-phone records**

Does someone want to use your private cell-phone records against you? By knowing a few personal facts about you, someone could pose as you to fraudulently obtain your phone records. Phone-service providers try to keep these records confidential, but they can be tricked by clever deceivers. Now, your defense is on the way.

Sen. Patterson, who chairs the Senate Technology & Energy Committee, has introduced Senate Bill 1202 to outlaw such deception and protect consumers. The bill was immediately assigned to his own committee for hearings.

“With several outfits on the Internet claiming to provide this personal information, it is time to act,” said Patterson, who was the first legislator in the state to call for such legislation, early in January.

Operations claiming to offer private cell-phone records do not appear affiliated with any major cellular telephone or VOIP (voice over Internet protocol) service providers. Reports suggest that in some cases, telephone company insiders secretly sold customers’ phone-call lists to online brokers, despite strict telephone-company rules against such deals. Sites offering these services sell this information for about \$90.

“This appears to be a growing problem around the country,” said Patterson. “I am pleased that I received bipartisan support as soon as my bill was offered. This bodes well for swift passage; everyone understands the urgency of the situation.

Sgt. Scott Hilden, of the Canton Township Police, conducts public seminars on avoiding Identity Theft. He said, “Identity theft is an enormous problem for law enforcement. I am completely in favor of a law to protect people’s personal information and records. Anyone who fraudulently attempts to obtain any personal records, including cell phone records, should have severe consequences under the law.” He was pleased this bill was introduced by Sen. Patterson.

“Citizens were rightly concerned about identity theft, so the Michigan Legislature acted to provide some protection to consumers. This is the next logical step. People value their privacy,” said Patterson.

Patterson has previously guided legislation to combat spyware and SPAM through the Senate Technology & Energy Committee.

“People should not be robbed of their privacy by the unscrupulous. Identity theft can occur in many ways, and I will work to stop it in every way I can,” said Patterson.

### **Did you know?**

You can take a “Virtual Tour” of the Senate Chamber and Capitol in Lansing at this site:  
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/Virtualtour/virtualtour1.htm>

Our State Capitol was the first one built after the Civil War. The architect, Elijah Myers, went on to design capitol buildings for Texas and Colorado, and he set the national trend, to reflect the recently finished U.S. Capitol.

### **Office Hours schedule for April, early May, 2006**

Sue Trussell, Sen. Patterson’s District Representative, will hold office hours at different locations each week. Office Hours will be on Mondays, usually from 11 am to 1 pm.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Trenton Veterans’ Memorial Library, at 2790 Westfield, Trenton

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Plymouth District Library, at 223 South Main Street, Plymouth

May 1<sup>st</sup> -- Fred C. Fischer Library, Belleville

May 8<sup>th</sup> -- Gibraltar City Hall

### **Upcoming events: Breakfasts with Bruce**

Northville Senior Center -- April 28<sup>th</sup>

Trenton Westfield Center - May 10<sup>th</sup>

Details to follow.

### **Contact Information**

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you would like to receive future updates via e-mail, please contact my office at [senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov). You can also visit me in my Lansing office at 505 Farnum Building, just across S. Capitol Avenue from the state Capitol; or you can send me mail at P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307; fax (517) 373-9228. I want to hear from you.

See the *Legislative Questionnaire* on the Website, too! Your responses are welcomed!